



LITERATURE LESSON PLANS

Good children's literature
appeals not only to the child
in the adult,
but to the adult in the child.

~ ANONYMOUS ~

Pilgrim's Progress 18

Time: 40 minutes

Reading: Chapter 17

Review: The persecution of Christians

Goal: To introduce the children to the subject of martyrdom **Principle:** The testimony of martyrs brings others to salvation in Christ. **Scripture:** Not one of us lives for himself, and not one of us dies for himself; . . . we are the Lord's (Romans 14:7-8).

TEACHER

Vocabulary:

by-path (n.) An indirect or rarely used path; a byway.

doubt (n.) A lack of certainty in regard to truth.

hopeful (adj.) Promising or giving ground to expect good or success.

martyr (n.) One who, by his death, bears witness to the truth of the Gospel.

stile (n.) A step or set of steps used for getting over a fence or a wall.

testimony (n.) 1) An open declaration or profession, as of faith. 2) Evidence in support of a fact or statement; proof.

vain confidence, Worthless confidence; confidence that has no foundation or basis in truth.



Preparation to Teach:

1. For this lesson, reread chapter 17, "Lost off By-path Meadow."
2. Study the teacher vocabulary words, symbols and biblical phrases, and the completed graphic organizers.
3. Gather all the resources needed for the lesson: the classic, student vocabulary card, and coloring page 10.



Teaching Plan:

1. Distribute student binders and coloring page 10.
2. Review what persecution is.
3. Pin the student vocabulary card on the Treasure Chest bulletin board and define it for the children. Connect the vocabulary word to the principle.
4. Read chapter 17, "Lost off By-path Meadow."
The first part of this chapter deals with the martyrdom of Faithful. Bunyan must have used the death of Stephen from the book of Acts (Read 6:8 - 8:3) to inspire his writing. Jesus Christ was persecuted for His teachings by being spat upon, laughed at, mocked, and stoned. He was then martyred by

STUDENT

Key Word:

testimony (n.) Something that serves as evidence of a fact.

Reason Questions:

1. What happened to Faithful?
2. Where was Faithful taken after his death?
3. Who is Hopeful and why was he a Christian?
4. Why did Hopeful and Christian get lost?
5. Describe a time when you followed someone's foolish advice. What were your consequences?



Notebook Record:

1. Color coloring page 10, "Faithful is taken to Celestial City."
2. Copy the character notes onto your character graphic organizer.
3. File your papers in your binder.



Oral Work:

Help me travel along the king's highway and not turn to the right or the left. (Numbers 20:17)



Singing:

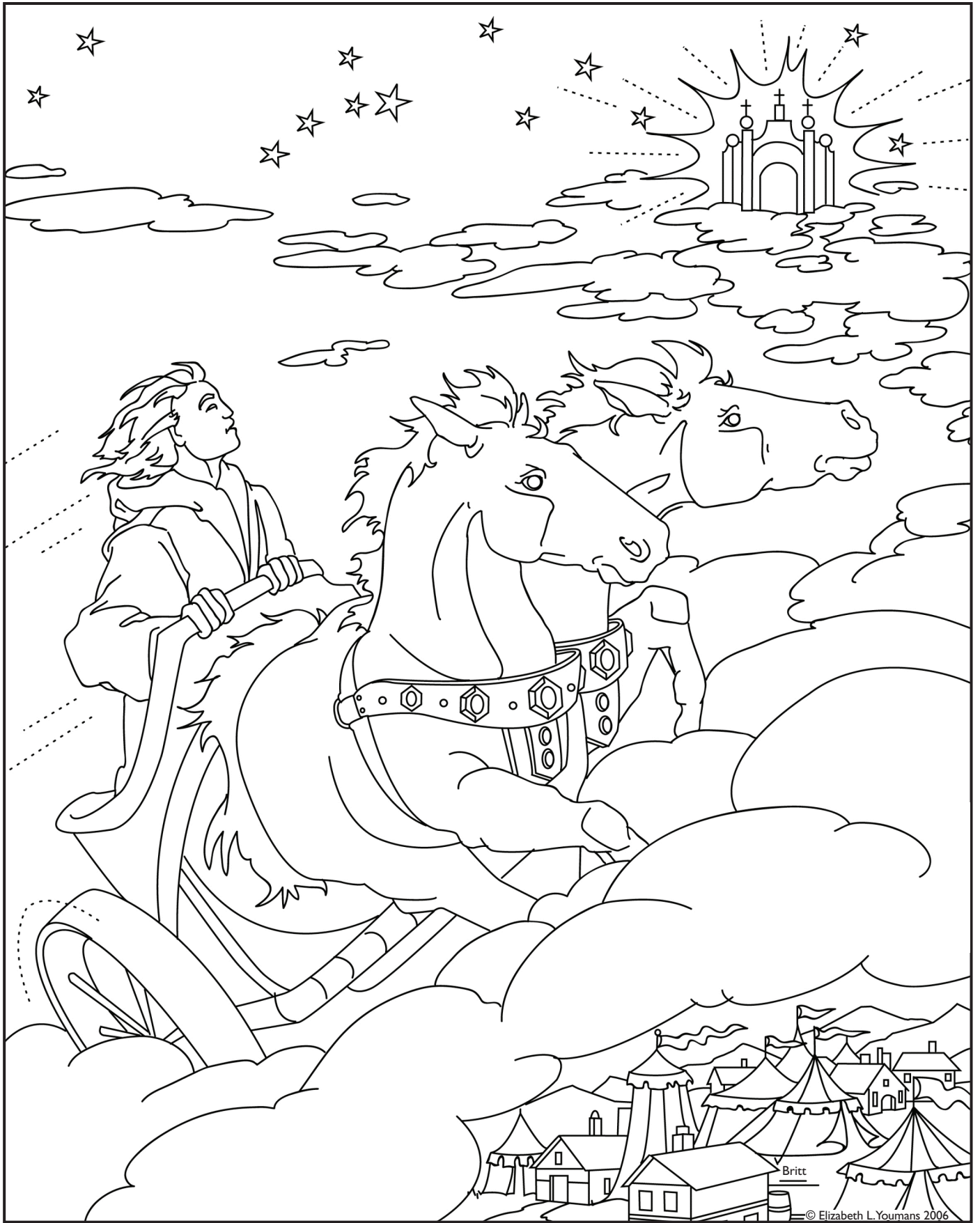
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

being crucified on a cross. After Jesus was crucified and buried, however, He arose from the dead and is alive forever more! His shed blood, death on the cross and resurrection have purchased eternal life for all who believe in Him. Jesus taught us that, *“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit (John 12:24).*

After His ascension, He established the church through His apostles. It was soon that Stephen was stoned to death for his faith in Christ. He became the first Christian martyr. (Read Acts 6:8-15 and 7:54-60.) Jesus taught His disciples that if He was persecuted, they would be also. All but one of Jesus' 11 disciples were martyred. (Judas is not counted, as he betrayed Jesus and then committed suicide. Matthew 27:5) Only John escaped martyrdom and died a natural death; however, he was exiled on the island of Patmos and lived to be an old man. (Revelation 1:9) Many Christians have been martyred throughout history for their testimony of faith in Christ.

There is also a warning in this chapter about following the counsel of those who have vain confidence. There is a proverb in the Scripture that states: *He who leads the upright astray in an evil way will himself fall into his own pit, but the blameless will inherit good (Proverbs 28:10).* This is exactly what happened to Vain Confidence.

5. Ask the reason questions and have the children respond orally.
6. Write the descriptions of “Hopeful” and “Vain Confidence” (found on the teacher’s completed characters graphic organizer) on the chalkboard and have the children copy onto their characters graphic organizer.
7. Sing “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.”
8. You may end with a short prayer and blessing for the children.



Faithful is taken to Celestial City.

Pilgrim's Progress Characters

Character	Represents or Symbolizes
Christian	
Evangelist	
Obstinate	
Pliable	
Mr. Worldly Wiseman	
Legality	
Good-will	
Interpreter	
Three Shining Ones	
Formalist and Hypocrisy	
Discretion, Prudence, Piety and Charity	

Apolloyon	
Faithful	
Talkative	
Lord Hate-good	
Hopeful	
Vain Confidence	
Giant Despair	
Knowledge, Experience, Watchful and Sincere	
Ignorance	
Flatterer	

Promise Keeper Scrolls

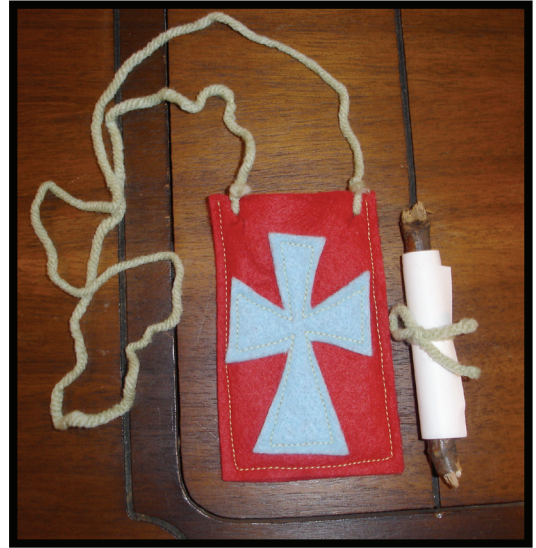
Inspired by Christian's dependence on God's promises throughout his pilgrimage

Our Project:

Create small scrolls on which to record promises of God. The portable little book, in its own felt pouch, will serve as a reminder of God the Promise Keeper, who cares for each child on his personal life pilgrimage.

Supplies (for each child):

- 1 long strip of lightweight paper, 11" x 4"
- 1 stick or dowel, 7" long
- 2 pieces of colored felt, (8" x 3") and some scraps
- 2 pieces of yarn or ribbon, one that is 20", the other 6"
- craft glue
- pen
- needle and thread, optional



Preparation:

Cut paper, yarn or ribbon, and felt to the sizes listed. Print out several copies of the promise Scriptures (below), or have students find their favorite promise in the Bible and copy onto their scrolls.

Promise Scriptures:

The Lord is My shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters; He restores my soul . . . Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. – Psalm 23

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. - Psalm 19:7

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. - Psalm 9:10

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. - Psalm 55:22

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let my foot slip—He who watches over me will not slumber. - Psalm 121: 2-4

The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. - Psalm 145:20

Instructions for Class:

1. Distribute supplies to students.
2. Have children choose one or two of the Scripture promises to write out on their scrolls. Then, proceed with instructions for making scroll and pouch.
3. Glue one end of paper onto the stick. While glue dries, make the pouch.
4. Before sewing the felt pouch together, decorate one of the felt rectangles (which will serve as the top of the pouch). Cut shapes, such as a cross, a heart or a dove, out of felt scraps and glue or sew them onto the rectangle.
5. Place the two rectangles of felt on top of each other (with any decoration on top, face up). Glue together just around the three edges or thread a needle, knot, and sew a seam around the two long sides and the short bottom, close to the edge, leaving the top open. On your last stitch, be sure to tie a knot to hold the stitches securely in place.
6. Cut (or punch) small holes in the top corners of the pouch and tie the long length of ribbon or yarn through these holes to create a loop hanger.
7. To finish the scroll, wrap the paper tightly around the stick and tie it in place with the remaining six-inch length of ribbon or yarn.
8. Place the scroll in the pouch. The pouch can be hung in a special place or worn around the neck.